

House Study Bill 18

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the licensing of persons installing fire
2 protection systems.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. 2008 Iowa Acts, chapter 1094, section 2,
1 2 subsection 1, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 1. "Apprentice sprinkler fitter" means a person who, ~~as a~~
1 4 ~~principal occupation,~~ is engaged in learning the fire
1 5 protection system industry trade under the direct supervision
1 6 of a certified fire extinguishing system contractor or
1 7 licensed fire sprinkler installer and maintenance worker and
1 8 who is registered with the United States department of labor,
1 9 office of apprenticeship.
1 10 Sec. 2. 2008 Iowa Acts, chapter 1094, section 2, is
1 11 amended by adding the following new subsection:
1 12 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. "Division" means division of the
1 13 state fire marshal in the department.
1 14 Sec. 3. 2008 Iowa acts, chapter 1094, section 2,
1 15 subsection 7, is amended by to read as follows:
1 16 7. "Fire sprinkler installer and maintenance worker" means
1 17 a person who, ~~as a principal occupation,~~ and having the
1 18 necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical
1 19 knowledge, conducts fire protection system installation and
1 20 maintenance, and who is licensed by the department.
1 21 Sec. 4. 2008 Iowa Acts, chapter 1094, section 3,
1 22 subsection 2, is amended to read as follows:
1 23 2. A licensed fire sprinkler installer and maintenance
1 24 worker must be present at all locations and at all times when
1 25 fire protection system installation work is being performed.
1 26 At least one licensed fire sprinkler installer and maintenance
1 27 worker must be present for every three apprentice sprinkler
1 28 fitters, ~~or any other employees~~ performing work related to
1 29 fire protection system installation.
1 30 Sec. 5. 2008 Iowa Acts, chapter 1094, section 4, is
1 31 amended to read as follows:
1 32 SEC. 4. 100D.3 FIRE SPRINKLER INSTALLER AND MAINTENANCE
1 33 WORKER LICENSE.
1 34 1. The state fire marshal shall issue a fire sprinkler
1 35 installer and maintenance worker license to an applicant who
2 1 possesses meets all of the following requirements:
2 2 a. Possesses a minimum of four years of employment
2 3 experience as an apprentice sprinkler fitter and,
2 4 b. Has completed a United States department of labor
2 5 apprenticeship program and is,
2 6 c. Is employed by a fire extinguishing system contractor,
2 7 who either receives,
2 8 d. Has received a passing score on the national
2 9 inspection, testing, and certification star fire sprinkler
2 10 mastery exam or on an equivalent exam from a nationally
2 11 recognized third-party testing agency that is approved by the
2 12 state fire marshal, or who is certified at level one in fire
2 13 protection technologies by the national institute for
2 14 certification in engineering technologies, as specified by
2 15 rule by the state fire marshal.
2 16 2. The holder of a fire sprinkler installer and
2 17 maintenance worker license shall be responsible for license
2 18 fees, renewal fees, and continuing education hours.

2 19 Sec. 6. 2008 Iowa Acts, chapter 1094, section 6,
2 20 subsection 5, is amended to read as follows:
2 21 5. Adopt rules specifying a violation reporting procedure
2 22 applicable to division employees, deputy fire marshals,
2 23 ~~division inspectors, and municipal fire departments.~~

2 24 Sec. 7. 2008 Iowa Acts, chapter 1094, section 10,
2 25 subsections 2 and 3, are amended to read as follows:
2 26 2. A passing score on the national inspection, testing and
2 27 certification star fire sprinkler mastery exam or an
2 28 equivalent exam from a nationally recognized third-party
2 29 testing agency that is approved by the state fire marshal.

2 30 3. A passing score on the ~~NICET~~ national institute for
2 31 certification in engineering technologies level I examination
2 32 in fire protection technologies.

2 33 Sec. 8. 2008 Iowa Acts, chapter 1094, section 10, is
2 34 amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:
2 35 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. After July 31, 2011, a person
3 1 licensed pursuant to this section shall renew or obtain a
3 2 license pursuant to section 100D.3.

3 3 EXPLANATION

3 4 In 2008, the general assembly enacted House File 2646 to
3 5 license persons performing fire protection system
3 6 installations or fire protection system maintenance. This
3 7 bill amends that Act, which takes effect August 1, 2009. The
3 8 bill eliminates a requirement limiting licensure to only those
3 9 working in the business "as a principal occupation"; this
3 10 change requires licensure for those working only part-time in
3 11 the profession.

3 12 The bill provides that the term "division" means the
3 13 division of state fire marshal in the department of public
3 14 safety.

3 15 The bill clarifies certain testing requirements including
3 16 by specifying that required examinations must relate to fire
3 17 protection technologies and provides that examinations must be
3 18 approved by the fire marshal.

3 19 The bill provides that after July 31, 2011, a person
3 20 licensed pursuant to the transition provisions in new Code
3 21 chapter 100D shall renew or obtain a license pursuant to the
3 22 regular licensure requirements in that chapter.

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